

- (b) Grant of Rs. 150 per annum to Nos. 1 and 2 from 1st Chingam 1115 and a lump sum grant of Rs. 240 in 1114 and Rs. 265 in 1115 to the R.L.V. Industrial School, Trippunittura were first given. Additional grants of Rs. 90 per annum to the Industrial Schools, Chethikode and Arimpur and Rs. 95 to the R.L.V. Industrial School, Trippunittura from 1st Chingam 1116, were also sanctioned.
- (c) (1) Industrial School, Chethikode—Weaving.
 (2) Do. Arimpur — Weaving and mat-making.
 (3) Do. Trippunittura—Weaving, needle-work subjects and painting.

**REQUEST FOR AID—INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR DEFECTIVES,
 KUNNAMKULAM—ORDERS REGARDING**

137. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): Will Government be pleased to state whether they have passed orders on the request for aid, dated 17th May 1941, made to them by the Manager of the Industrial Institute for Defectives, Kunnamkulam?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): Yes.

INSTITUTE FOR DEFECTIVES—STRENGTH OF

138. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): Will Government be pleased to state whether there is an Institute for Defectives; its strength?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): There is an "Industrial Institute for Defectives" at Kunnamkulam. Its strength is four.

**ALLEGED DEFALCATION IN THE AGRICULTURAL
 DEPARTMENT—ENQUIRY INTO**

139. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether the enquiry on the alleged defalcation in the Agricultural Department stated to have commenced on receipt of a report in the Huzur Secretariat on 6th March 1941 (Please vide Legislative Council Proceedings of Tuesday, 29th July 1941, answers to questions 1 and 2) is over;

- (b) if so, whether the Government have passed any orders on the report of enquiry;
- (c) who made the enquiry?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

- (a) The enquiry is not completely over.
- (b) No answer necessary in view of answer to (a).
- (c) The preliminary enquiry was conducted by Mr. K. N. Eapen, the Personal Veterinary Assistant. A detailed audit was conducted by Messrs. P. Krishnan Nambiar, A. V. Parameswara Ayyar and K. Govinda Warriar, of the Office of the Comptroller of Finance and Accounts.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): With regard to this question, I want to explain matters to the Council. There is some insinuation that deliberately these things are delayed. It is not so. We have to go through various processes, and Government are going through those processes and making exhaustive enquiries into this.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Was there not an article in some local paper?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes. It is so. That is why I explained that Government are taking action. The accused people have got some right. They must be recognised and the proper procedure has to be adopted. Therefore, that means delay.

POTATOES—CULTIVATION OF—AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

140. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether any experiments have been made by the Agricultural Department to cultivate potatoes;
- (b) whether there are not places in Cochin State, the climatic conditions of which suit potato cultivation?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The climatic and soil conditions of Nelliampathies may suit potato cultivation, but the trial so far made by the resident planters have not been a success. Government have not made a trial. Potato cultivation was tried in the Government